



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re U.S. Patent Application of

TSUCHIYA et al.

Application Number: 10/750,882

Filed: January 5, 2004

For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING NANOPARTICLE
LAYER HAVING UNIFORM EASY AXIS OF
MAGNETIZATION, MAGNETIC RECORDING
MEDIUM HAVING SUCH LAYER, ITS PRODUCTION
METHOD, AND ITS PRODUCTION APPARATUS

Attorney Docket No. HITA.0482

Art Unit 1773

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COVER LETTER

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Independent Claims	3	4	1 (Over 3)	x \$200	0
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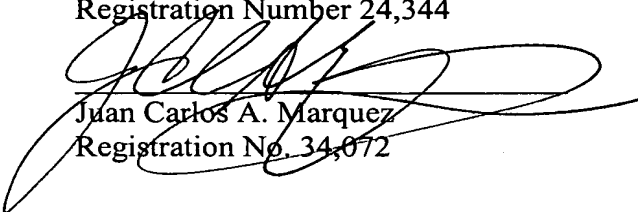
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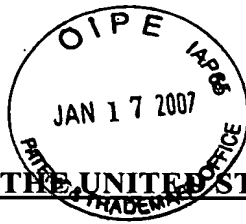
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on October 18, 2006, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 18, 2007. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: